

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/531,507  
Filing Date: April 14, 2005  
Applicant: Eiji Oki, et al.  
Group Art Unit: 2613  
Examiner: Quan-Zhen Wang  
Title: OPTICAL NODE DEVICE, NETWORK CONTROL  
DEVICE, MAINTENANCE-STAFF DEVICE, OPTICAL  
NETWORK, AND 3R RELAY IMPLEMENTATION NODE  
DECISION METHOD  
Attorney Docket: 5259-000051/NP

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 17, 2008, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.